

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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Mr. Mark F. Lindsey, Secretary The Native Asphalt Company 136 East South Temple University Club Building, Suite 1750 Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Mark Dear Mr. Lindsey:

Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Native #1 Project, S/047/036, Uintah County, Utah.

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on July 18, 1989. The application for the proposed Native #1 Project, located in Section 31, T5S, R22E, and Section 36, T5S, R21E, will be considered a revision to the previously filed SMO, the Cameron #1 Project. As we discussed during a telephone conversation yesterday, the reason this project must be considered a revision to the Cameron #1 Project, and not a separate mining operation, is the following:

As defined in UCA 40-8-4.11, "On-site" means the surface lands on or under which surface or underground mining operations are conducted. A series of related properties under the control of a single operator but separated by small parcels of land controlled by others will be considered a single site unless excepted by the division.

As a matter of policy, the Division has adopted a 1-mile radius around properties to distinguish "on-site" properties. Any properties whose 1-mile radius is overlapping or touching will be considered a single operation. Since the Cameron #1 Project is within two miles distance from the Native #1 Project, the Division considers this a single operation. In order to maintain the status of a Small Mining Operation, the combined surface disturbance for the Cameron #1 and Native #1 Projects must remain under 5 acres at any given time. As we discussed during our telephone conversation, The Native Asphalt Company can achieve this by practicing contemporaneous reclamation.

To avoid confusion, the combined Projects should be referred to as the Native #1 Project, and retain the Division file number S/047/036. Should you wish to expand this project beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

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Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

Scott Johnson Reclamation Engineer

jb cc: Kenneth L. Alkema, DEH Jerry Mansfield, State Lands Lowell Braxton Minerals Team

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